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From the Bruſſels Gazette, dated Auguſt 24.

Lisbon, July 13.

LAST Week the King took a Review of ſome Regiments on the Plain of Alcantara, and on the 8th in the Morning, he order'd 5 Regiments of Foot and 2 of Horſe to march to the Plain of Pedroiſcos, which were there drawn up in Battallia by the Duke de Cadaval. His Majeſty went thither in his Coach, with the Prince of Brazil and the Prince Don Franciſco, and mounting on Horſeback he rode from one Battallion to another, and from Squadron to Squadron; and after they had paſs'd in review before him, he was pleas'd to ſee them Exerciſe; after which they return'd to their Quarters. The Count de Gelvas General of the Province of Alenteio, who came to Court on his private Affairs, is return'd to his Command; yeſterday a Regiment of Foot, and 2 Troops of Horſe were order'd to march to that Province. Some Corſairs of Barbary have appear'd in our Seas lately, where they gave chace to ſome Fiſhing Veſſels; on advice of which, it has been reſolv'd to ſend out 2 large Men of War to ſcour our Coaſt.

From the Bruſſels Gazette, dated Sept. 4.

Madrid, Auguſt 15. The 3 Regiments of Horſe Guards, viz. the King's, the Queen's, and that of Aſturias, which march'd from hence 8 days ago, encamp'd in the Plain of Luzon along the Mencanares, where they were joyn'd by the 2 Regiments of Cavalry lately come from Catalonia, and that of Iriſh Dragoons rais'd in this City. The Nobility and Inhabitants of this City have been in great Numbers to ſee this Camp, there not having been any Troops encamp'd in a Body ſeen in this Neighbourhood for a great many Years. On the 9th the King rode thither on Horſeback, accompanied by ſeveral Grandees, and Officers of his Court, and his Guard of Flemiſh Muſqueteers. His Majeſty found the Queen there, who was come thither in her Coach with the Princeſs Urſini, and a numerous Attendance of other Coaches full of Ladies. The Duke de Veraguas, Collonel of the Queen's Regiment, made a ſplendid Entertainment for their Majeſties and the Ladies in his Tents, and preſented the King with a very fine Horſe, richly accoutred, which his Majeſty mounted, and rode through all the Ranks of the Duke's and the other Regiments. The Duke likewiſe made a Preſent of a conſiderable Value to the Queen: and About 8 in the Evening their Majeſties return'd to their Palace in this City. On the 12th they went again to the Camp with the ſame Attendance, and ſaw the Troops drawn up in order of Battle exerciſe on the Plain. Theſe Troops are order'd to hold themſelves ready to march tomorrow or the day after for Eſtramadura, whence we are advis'd that the Regiment of Rouſſillon is arriv'd at Badajos. The Marqueſs de Chateauneuf arriv'd here 8 days ago from the Court of France, with the Abbot his Brother, and tomorrow will purſue his Journey to Lisbon, whither he is ſent to relieve the Preſident Rouille Ambaſſador of France. The laſt Letters from Ceuta inform us, that the Moors have begun again to work on their Mines which they had forborn a long time, but without Succeſs, the Garriſon having countermin'd two of them.

From the Bruſſels Gazette, dated Auguſt 24.

Naples, July 25. Our Viceroy holds frequent Councils of War, to conſider of the beſt Means for ſecuring the Kingdom from any Inſults of the Enemy. And often Viſits the new Fortifications of this City and the neighbouring Poſts, which are carried on with diligence, A Reinforcement of Soldiers with 600 Barrels of Powder and other Ammunitions of War, are ſent to the Places belonging to the King on the Coaſt of the Tuſcan Sea, and another Reinforcement will be ſent into the Abruzzo, to prevent the Privateers of Segni making any more Deſcents; a few days ago they took ſome ſmall Veſſels and a Tartan on the Coaſt of Apulia. The Cardinal del Giudici Viceroy of Sicily has given the neceſſary Orders for putting the Maritime Places into a good State of Defence; as alſo thoſe parts of the Coaſt that lye moſt expo'd to a Deſcent; and among the new Works that are making at Melazzo, he has order'd the Hill that commands the Caſtle to be levell'd.

From the Bruſſels Gazette, dated Auguſt 31.

Naples, July 31. We have very near finiſh'd the Fortifications of our Mole, and other Poſts along the Shore. There are arriv'd in the Sea of Manfredonia, a Frigate, a Tartan and a Galliot, detach'd from the French Squadron in the Adriatick, to act againſt the Pyrates of Segni, who carry the Emperor's Colours, and have taken ſeveral Prizes in our Seas. Letters from Sicily adviſe, that Cardinal Giudici had appointed the Firſt of Auguſt for a general Review of all the Regular Troops and Militia in their ſeveral Quarters: He has likewiſe enjoyn'd thoſe who hold Lands of the Crown, to levy, arm and mount, a certain Number of Horſe, which they are oblig'd by their Tenures to furniſh for the Defence of the Kingdom on emergent Occaſions.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Auguſt 30.

Paris, Abguſt 17. The laſt Letters from Madrid aſſure us, that they are getting ready the King of Spain's Field-Equipage; his Majeſty having declar'd that he will put himſelf at the Head of the Army, that is to take the Field againſt the Portugueze. 'Tis doubtful however whether the Catholick King will not be oblig'd to go firſt to Barcelona, to quiet things in thoſe Parts, where the States demand the Reeſtabliſhment of their ancient Privileges, and have preſcrib'd a time within which they expect to have their Grievances redreſs'd, They add, that there are great Complaints made againſt Monſieur du Caſſe, as well by the Council of Commerce of Seville, as by the Governour of Carthagena, on account of the great Quantity of Merchandiſes which he carried to the Weſt Indies for which he has made vaſt Returns to France. They write from the Netherlands that Monſieur de Pracontal has receiv'd Order to take upon him the Command of the Body of Troops that were under Prince Tſerclaes du Tilly, who is ſent for to Spain, by a Letter written by his Catholick Majeſty on the 31ſt of laſt Month, to command his Army.

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From the Rotterdam Gazette, dated Sept. 3.

Paris, Auguſt 20. The King of Portugal had ſent hither 300000 Livres to buy Cannon, and he had already been furniſh'd with as many as came to 120000, but the remaining 180000 Livres are return'd to his Miniſter at this Coutt, his Majeſty not thinking it convenient to let him have any more Cannon, ſeeing he has departed from the Neutrality in which he had ingag'd himſelf. The Duke of Aumont Governour of Bologne has ſtop'd 2 Portugueze Ships in that Port, The Council of Spain has repreſented, that it is convenient the Succours of Troops they want and expect from France ſhould be Walloons or Italians, not French, to the end the Spaniards may not have the leaſt Pretence for Jealouſie given them. 'Tis given out, that the Places of Spain bordering on Portugal are well provided with Men and Ammunitions, inſomuch that the Spaniards think they are in a Condition, not only to act defenſively, but offenſively. The Cardinal d'Etrees is expected from Madrid in the beginning of November, but the Abbot d'Etrees his Nephew will continue there with the Character of Ambaſſador Extraordinary. The King of Spain has ſent to the Marſhal de Chateaurenaud a Croſs of the Order of Knighthoood of St. Louis valued at 25000 Crowns. The Marſhal would take no Preſent from his Catholick Majeſty while he was in Spain; but the King order'd him to accept of this Croſs.

Kinſale, Auguſt 25. To day the Medway Man of War, Captain Littleton Commander, ſail'd for Cork to joyn the Squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Dilks.

Sheilds, Sept. 3. The 2 Men of War that put into Burlington Bay are return'd, and are Cruiſing to and again waiting till our laden Fleet can get out, which conſiſts of about 50 Ships ready to ſail as ſoon as the Wind is fair and the Bar down, which hath been high moſt part of this Week, the Wind having been Northerly.

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